

Application No.: 09/621,750

Docket No.: JCLA5249-R

REMARKS**Present Status of the Application**

Applicants appreciate that the Office Action has allowed claims 1-6 and 15-20. The Office Action has also considered claim 12 to be allowable.

The Office Action rejected claims 7-11 and 13-14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wang et al. (U. S. Patent 6,484,281). Applicants have amended independent claim 7 to include the features recited in allowable claim 12. After entry of foregoing amendments, claims 1-11 and 13-20 remain pending in the present application, and reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

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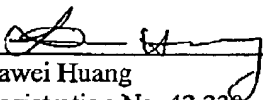
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the pending claims 1-11 and 13-20 of the invention patentably define over the prior art and are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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